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Reporting for the week ending November 1, 2009.

General

Severe weather and more rain resulted in flooding and wind damage across the state last week. Two tornados, an EF1 and an EF2, were confirmed in southern Arkansas on Thursday. This was the eighth consecutive week that all 36 weather stations have reported measurable rainfall. The weather station at Camden has recorded 18 inches of rain accumulation over the last four weeks, 13.9 inches above normal. All but two stations reported over two inches of rain last week. The greatest rain accumulation last week occurred at Camden and Monticello receiving 7.89 and 7.64 inches of rain, respectively. Topsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent adequate and 88 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent adequate and 82 percent surplus. Farmers only had 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Temperatures returned back to normal last week after being noticeably cooler for the past several weeks. Lows ranged from 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 45 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser and Rohwer. Highs ranged from 70 degrees Fahrenheit at Ozark to 84 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora.

Crops

Farmers were only able to make minimal progress last week as yet more rain fell onto their already saturated or flooded fields. Crop conditions also declined last week as 44 percent of the unharvested cotton and 39 percent of the unharvested soybeans rated in either very poor or poor condition by week’s end. Corn producers only harvested 2 percent of their crop last week to reach 93 percent by week’s end, 7 percent behind last year and the five-year average. Cotton opening bolls, at 98 percent, was 2 percent behind both 2008 and the five-year average. Cotton producers harvested 19 percent of the crop by week’s end, 69 percent behind last year and 64 percent behind the five-year average. Rice producers harvested an additional 4 percent of the crop last week to reach 84 percent, 12 percent behind last year and 15 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum harvested increased 3 percent to reach 98 percent, 2 percent behind both 2008 and the five-year average. Soybeans in the yellowing stage, at 99 percent, was 1 percent behind 2008 and the five-year average. Soybeans shedding increased 5 percent to reach 96 percent. Soybeans reaching maturity was 89 percent last week, and soybean farmers harvested an additional 4 percent of their crop to reach 43 percent. Winter wheat planting progress ground to a virtual halt last week and remained at 25 percent complete, 26 percent behind last year and 31 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged, at 20 percent, was 10 percent behind 2008 and 15 percent behind the five-year average.

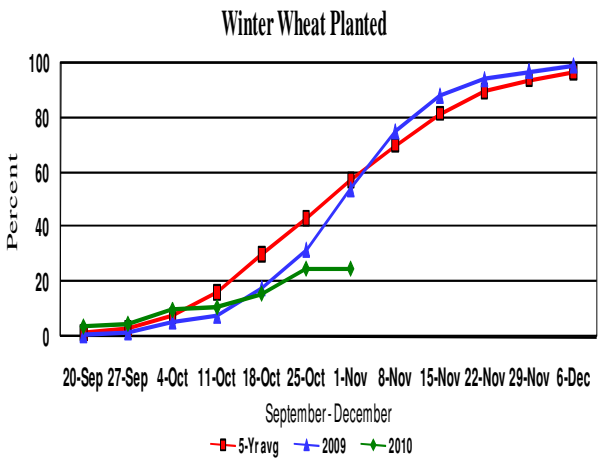
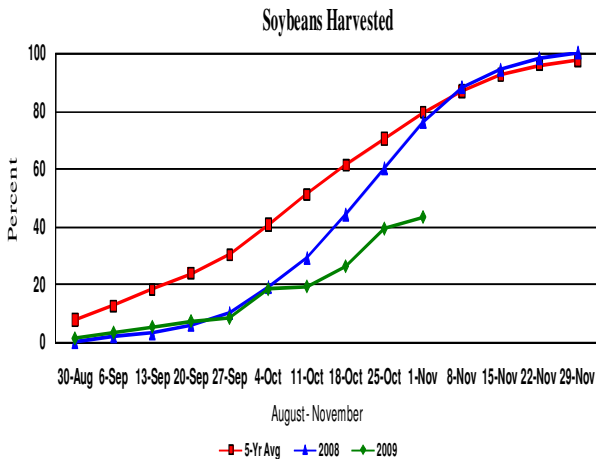
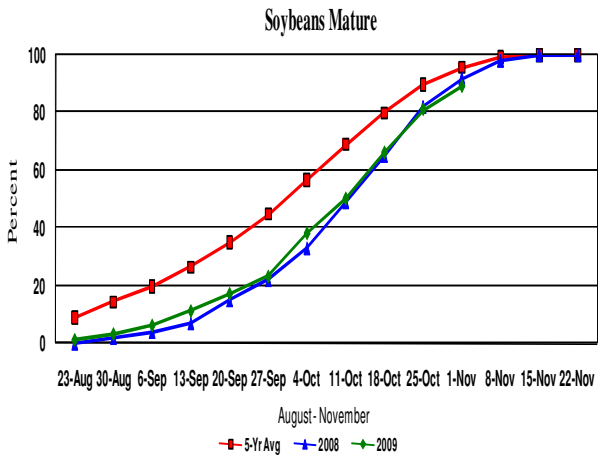
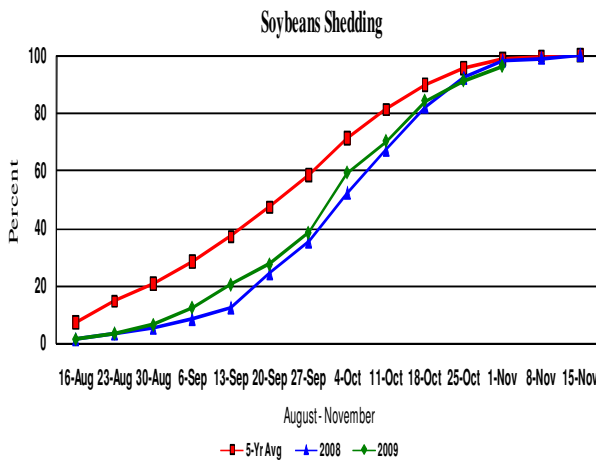
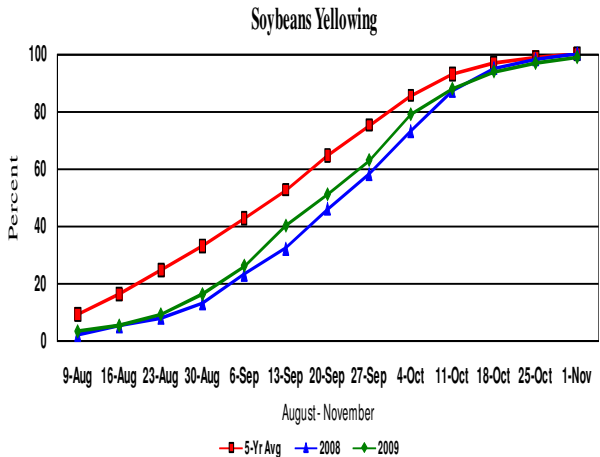
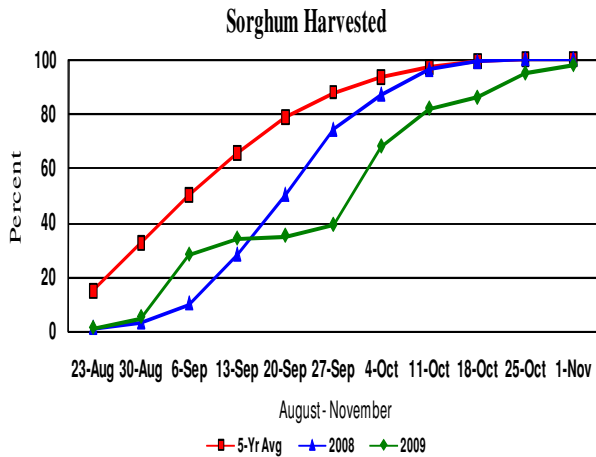
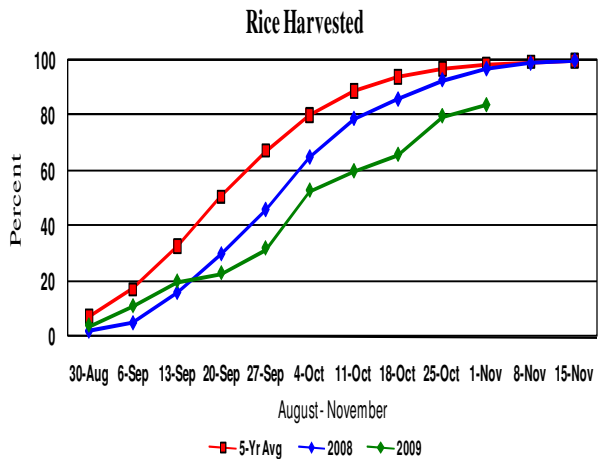
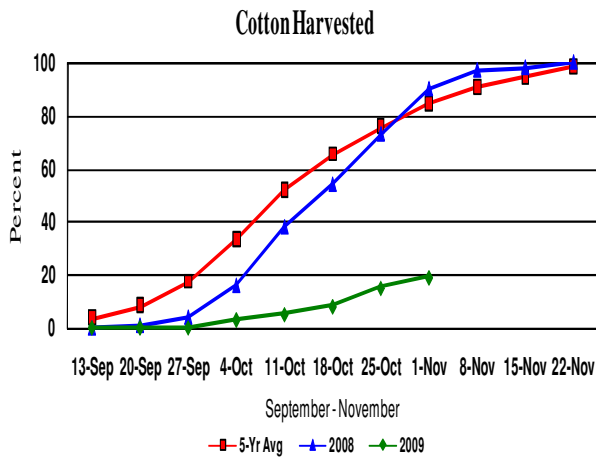
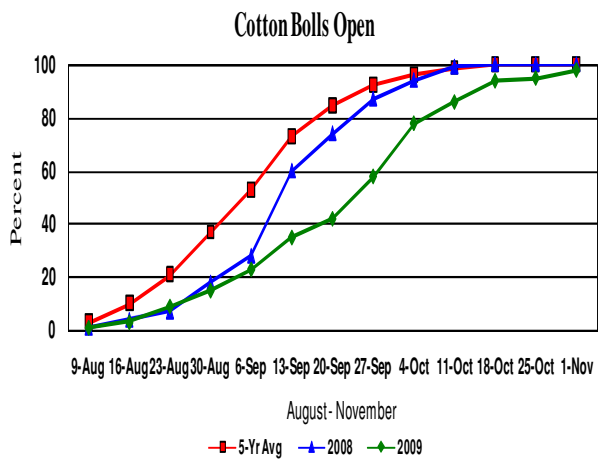
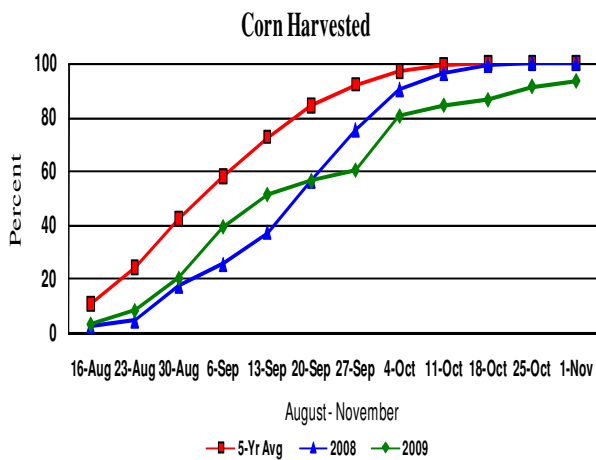
Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range remained mostly in fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	93	91	100	100
Cotton	Opening Bolls	98	95	100	100
	Harvested	19	15	88	83
Rice	Harvested	84	80	96	99
Sorghum	Harvested	98	95	100	100
Soybeans	Yellowing	99	97	100	100
	Shedding	96	91	97	98
	Mature	89	81	91	95
Winter Wheat	Harvested	43	39	74	78
	Planted	25	25	51	56
	Emerged	20	12	30	35

Condition in Percentages ^{1/}					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	23	21	28	21	7
Soybeans	17	22	28	26	7
Winter Wheat	8	31	50	11	0
Pasture and Range	1	3	35	51	10

^{1/} Conditions reflect crops still to be harvested.



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending November 1									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Nov 1	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	73	36	0	2.02	10.58	3.34	50.06	36.68
	Harrison	71	40	1	3.09	12.41	3.19	55.69	35.10
N. Central	Calico Rock	71	37	1	3.80	13.33	3.27	51.47	35.77
	Gilbert	73	33	-1	2.20	8.33	3.11	53.82	34.39
	Greers Ferry	71	39	-1	6.01	13.32	3.86	58.51	39.26
	Mtn. Home	71	41	1	2.45	12.30	2.83	57.28	34.80
Northeast	Batesville	74	38	1	6.17	13.45	3.68	58.99	36.77
	Blytheville	75	40	3	3.38	7.51	3.28	44.29	39.49
	Jonesboro	74	43	3	4.82	10.62	3.60	61.90	35.73
	Keiser	76	45	4	2.80	8.03	3.07	50.75	38.83
	Newport	72	44	0	5.69	11.42	3.39	70.10	37.40
W. Central	Booneville	74	36	-3	5.89	14.15	3.53	62.41	37.15
	Clarksville	71	40	0	3.10	11.13	3.76	55.17	36.29
	Dardanelle	71	38	1	2.61	10.14	3.87	49.16	37.53
	Ft. Smith	75	41	0	1.61	10.16	3.61	52.45	34.29
	Mena	73	36	-1	3.89	12.46	5.11	67.47	46.04
	Ozark	70	36	-2	2.15	11.44	3.58	55.14	35.02
Central	Conway	73	39	0	4.85	13.59	3.70	68.78	37.60
	Hot Springs	72	40	-2	4.25	14.14	4.81	68.71	44.70
	Little Rock	75	44	2	6.73	15.69	3.92	65.39	39.31
	Morrilton	72	39	0	4.24	14.26	4.03	64.03	36.92
	N. Little Rock	73	42	-1	7.17	15.01	3.53	63.53	37.59
E. Central	Brinkley	72	44	-1	5.54	9.77	3.32	58.56	38.37
	Marianna	75	44	0	5.39	10.11	3.50	58.06	40.97
	Stuttgart	75	43	-2	7.36	12.84	3.54	63.55	37.79
	West Memphis	76	43	4	4.27	9.26	3.19	54.35	40.55
Southwest	DeQueen	81	37	3	1.35	6.50	4.70	50.74	42.87
	Hope	75	41	0	5.46	16.63	4.18	73.39	42.25
	Texarkana	79	42	-2	2.30	12.72	3.54	64.01	36.28
S. Central	Camden	74	41	-1	7.89	17.99	4.06	70.73	41.68
	El Dorado	77	41	-1	6.49	15.72	3.99	60.31	43.16
	Warren	75	43	0	6.45	17.59	4.14	72.84	43.87
Southeast	Eudora	84	43	-2	3.08	10.44	3.67	62.57	44.38
	Monticello	78	43	2	7.64	17.24	4.03	63.55	43.79
	Pine Bluff	76	43	1	5.27	11.85	4.12	62.46	40.96
	Rohwer	79	45	0	4.95	11.91	3.14	54.37	40.04

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$ year average

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